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VOTING BOOTH INSTALLED

Hospital Team Ties for Third In GI Swim Meet

With one practice session under their belt, a hastily assembled hospital swimming crew went on to grab third place from a field of eight GI teams during the Fourth Annual Northwest Swimming Championship held at the Washington Athletic Club on Monday, September 4.

Coached by Lt. (jg) Neil Andrews and PhM2c B. Brantman, the aquatic team consisted of T. W. Evans, HA2c; P. W. Gloyd, V-12; J. D.

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Coupon Books Issued To Hospital Patients

Welfare coupon books are now being issued at the Recreation Office to patients who, after due investigation by the American Red Cross, are considered to be in need of ship's service supplies and services.

Books are issued in \$2 denominations and consist of tickets made up of 5c, 10c and 25c values. The individual receiving the coupon book will be held personally responsible for its proper use. Detached coupons will not be accepted, and proper identification must be produced before the book containing coupons

WELFARE DEPARTMENT
U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, Seattle, Wash.

Name _____ Rate _____
(Signature)

Date expires _____

This book issued for the use of the above named person.
It must be produced each time a coupon is used. Coupons not good if detached.

(Welfare Officer)

will be accepted. Misuse of this coupon book will result in disciplinary action against offenders.

Coupons may be used for the following services: stationery, shoe polish, laundry soap, cleaning and pressing, ink, handkerchiefs, laundry service, pencils, Kleenex, barber service. The following supplies may be secured without coupons from the Red Cross: cigarettes, tooth brushes, shaving cream, soap, razors, pocket combs, toothpaste and razor blades.



Demonstrating voting procedure with the new voting booth in the Recreation Hall, Voting Officer, Lt. (jg) Paul Thompson admits Johnny Brill, PhM3c, to mark his ballot in secret.

Vet. Administrator Advises on Post-War Education

Education for World War II Veterans will offer countless servicemen an opportunity to complete or augment their schooling at the war's end, according to Mr. Harold J. Meyer, veteran administrator who explains, informs and advises on all benefits available for veterans at this hospital.

Two types of educational programs, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program and Educational Program under the GI bill, exist for servicemen upon their discharge.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Training Program is available to all veterans who have a vocational handicap which is determined by the Veterans' Administration. It provides up to four years of schooling with books and tuition paid, up to \$500 per year, plus \$92 a month subsistence if single, more if married.

Under the GI Bill, every serviceman who has 90 days' minimum service, and who was under 25 years of age at enlistment, is eligible for one year's schooling, providing they received an other than dishonorable discharge. In addition to the year's schooling, servicemen are eligible for an additional period of education time equal to the time they

spent in the service. In no case, however, will education programs exceed four years. The GI program will provide \$50 a month subsistence if single or \$75 if married.

All veterans who are eligible for a government sponsored education will have two years from the end of the war or their discharge date in which to decide whether or not they desire free college education.

PhM1c and PhM2c To Hold Discussion

On Saturday, 16 Sept., and Saturday, 23 Sept., at 1300, both days, a discussion in Clerical Forms and Procedures will be held in Classroom "A" of the Educational Building.

These classes are primarily for PhM2c and PhM1c who are in need of instruction and information pertaining to the above named subject. Men of other rates, wishing to attend, may do so.

Discussion of the subject will be under the direction of Chief Pharmacists' Mate McKerley from the H.C. Personnel office.

Mimeographed lists of all the numbered and lettered forms used will be given out to each person attending the classes.

Privacy Is Provided for All Servicemen to Vote In Secret

Complying with regulations, a private voting booth is now in operation in the Recreation Hall where officers and enlisted men from this hospital may mark their ballots in secret and have them certified by the Voting Officer, Lt. (jg) P. Thompson.

This does not mean that enlisted men or officers must take their absentee ballots, which they are receiving from their respective states, to the designated voting place in the Recreation Hall. A man may mark his ballot when and where he likes, provided only that he has it certified by the Voting Officer or one of his designated assistants.

All servicemen receiving state ballots which will be mailed to them by their respective states in compliance with war ballot application requests, should execute these ballots immediately upon their arrival in accordance with accompanying instructions, being sure to have them certified. They should be mailed on the compound, just like any other mail, and they will be given free airmail service.

General information regarding the election laws of the several states may be had at the Voting Office which exists in the Recreation Office, with Lt. (jg) P. Thompson as Voting Officer.

State absentee ballots are coming in daily to Naval Hospital voters from the 48 states. All possible steps have been taken to safeguard the integrity and secrecy of the ballots. All soliciting and canvassing on the hospital grounds is prohibited.

The regulations governing servicemen's voting also specify that voting must be by the serviceman's own volition, without coercion or influence of any kind.

Ship's Service Opens Next Week

Bigger, better and fully equipped to serve all members of this hospital, the Ship's Service is expected to swing open its doors the early part of next week.

The Stethoscope

Published in the interest of all Naval Personnel attached or hospitalized at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle.

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FROM YOUR SKIPPER

Warning

This time of the year is an unusually dry period in the Northwest country. It is timely to impress upon the hospital community the tremendous dangers which can result from fires. Repeated warnings have been given to staff and patient residents on the hospital reservation, but the warnings cannot be repeated too often. The carelessness of an individual may mean the complete destruction of the hospital with a horrible loss in human life. Then, too, with the destruction of the hospital the war effort would be materially hampered. At the expense of many millions of dollars this hospital has been constructed for the sole purpose of providing for the casualties of war and we are right now in the midst of the war period when the heavier demands are going to be placed on the Seattle Naval Hospital. We are in the twilight zone of meeting our greatest challenge. So important is fire prevention that the President of the United States recognizes it by the issuance of a Proclamation declaring that the week beginning October 8, 1944, shall be designated as Fire Prevention Week. The substance of his Proclamation is as follows:

"WHEREAS the widening operations of our valiant armies and navies make it imperative that we exert our utmost effort to provide an increasingly abundant flow of goods and materials to every battle front; and

"WHEREAS the prevention of waste is as essential to this end as is the production of goods; and

"WHEREAS the waste occasioned throughout the Nation by preventable fires reaches a staggering total each year:

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 8, 1944, as Fire Prevention Week.

"I earnestly request every citizen to devote special thought and effort during Fire Prevention Week to detecting and eliminating fire hazards within his own control and to providing adequate protection against the waste of our fighting power through destruction by fire. I also request State and local governments, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the National Fire Waste Council, business and labor organizations, educational and civic groups, and the various agencies of the press, the radio, and the motion-picture industry throughout the country to lend themselves to the stimulation of the public purpose to reduce and eliminate losses by preventable fire. I also direct the Department of Agriculture, the War Production Board, the protective services of the War and Navy Departments, and other appropriate agencies of the Federal Government to give the widest possible support and assistance to every effort to inform and instruct the public with respect to the possibilities and importance of the fire prevention program.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be

Swimmers Place Third

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English, HA2c; R. P. Gibb, V-12; J. Edsen, V-12; D. Brewster, PhM1c; W. Gautier, V-12; R. Wissdow, PhM3c; A. L. Davis, PhM3c.

Members who placed in various classes were W. Gauntier, third in 100 yard freestyle; T. Evans, fourth in 50 yard backstroke, and P. Gloyd, fourth in 50 yard freestyle.

Hospital swimmers placed third in the 200 yard freestyle relay and fourth in the 150 yard medley relay.

The meet was won by the U. of Washington service squad who cornered 46 points. Second place found the Bremerton boys with 32 while the hospital tied for third with 10 points.

BUPERS POLICY GIVES RESERVE OFFICERS CHANCE TO RESIGN

A policy of the Bureau of Naval Personnel with regard to release from active duty or resignation of Reserve personnel was released recently for information to all Naval Officers.

The criterion for determining whether or not an officer will be released is his value in the war effort. If the position which he desires to take in civilian life is apparently of more value to the war effort than his services in the Navy, he will be released from active Naval service.

The BuPers memorandum is directed to all Naval Reserve officers, but generally officers below the age of 38 will not be released from active duty but will be required to tender their resignation. This rule may be modified in rare instances where the return of the individual concerned to active Naval service is contemplated within a year.

Officers 38 and above will ordinarily be retained in the Naval service on inactive duty if it appears that they may be of value to the Naval service in the future.

The Bureau reserves the right to make an individual determination in each case concerning this matter. Officers whose services can be spared and who are 38 and over will be offered the chance to resign if the Bureau does not desire to retain them in an inactive status in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Officers who desire to be separated from active Naval service in accordance with the policy set forth in the memorandum released must submit a request through official channels.

affixed.

"DONE at the City of Washington this 17th day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth."

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT"

We, here in the midst of such a fire hazard as exists at this hospital, must recognize that fire prevention is an observance for each of us every hour of the day and each day of the week.

J. T. BOONE, Captain (MC) U. S. Navy
Medical Officer in Command

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES

Recreation Hall

CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....Oliver P. Zinnen
Sunday Mass.....0630, 0730 and 0930
Week-day Mass.....0620, (unless otherwise announced)

Confessions: Before every Mass in the Recreation Hall. Saturdays: 1530 to 1700, and after the first movie, in the Chaplain's Office. When there is no movie, 1800 to 1930.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain.....G. W. J. Hartzel
Holy Communion.....0630
Morning Prayer and Sermon.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays 1700

LIBERTY vs. LICENSE

By Chaplain G. Hartzel

Patrick Henry, the fiery Virginia Patriot, once said: "Give me Liberty or give me Death," and it appears that a great many patriots at this hospital have adopted him as their example and hero. Naturally enough we are all interested in having our liberty and eagerly look forward to some relaxation and entertainment on our own after hours. The difficulty comes when we confuse liberty—a time which we can use to our own education and betterment—with license, which is moral chaos and anarchy. Whether ashore or aboard we wear the uniform of our country's Navy, and we are bound by definite standards of conduct at all times.

The wearing of the uniform of the U. S. Armed Forces does not abrogate either the civil law which is made for our protection—nor the moral law of God, which was given by Him for the enrichment and guidance of our spiritual lives.

You cannot "excuse yourself" for disregarding the moral law by thinking your case is different—any more than you can excuse yourself for violating the speed limit because you are in a hurry.

Enjoy your liberty—that is what the authorities wish you to do. But don't be ashamed to relate your experiences before God and man when you return. Remember the Navy is proud of you and the work you have done to defend the liberties of all free peoples. Don't let your Navy or yourself down in turning your liberty ashore into soul-destroying license.

"Blessed are the Pure in Heart."

Buy, Buy War Bonds

Or

Bye, Bye Freedom



By

G. SWIFT and H. TAYLOR, WAVES

Disregarding Leap Year tradition, the fellas are still making the first move when it comes to love. For instance, Marine Guard Pfc. Bill Dallgener proves that the Marines have landed and the situation is well in hand when it comes to looking after Wave Betty McCurren . . . and then there's Al Stevens, PhM1c, who decided that bachelorhood wasn't for him. Pretty blonde Wave Lillian Dalton changed his mind, and they were married last Saturday . . . why even Stephen from X-Ray is thinking about taking on a dependent. Yes, scuttlebutt says that Gerry Knutson, a civilian gal, will take charge of Steph from now on. THAT, we would like to see . . . if it can be done!

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Welcome aboard to the new Waves: Naomi Simms from St. Albans Hospital in New York, Doris Allison from Great Lakes, and Bachman, Meserve, Greenspan and Schmid from San Diego.



Q. What is the origin or derivation of the "Crossing the Line" or "Crossing the Equator" ceremony?

Ans. This ceremony is of such ancient vintage that its derivation is lost. It is known and reported to have been carried out by the Vikings, the Normans, and the Saxons on crossing certain parallels, and it is highly probable that the present day ceremony was handed down by these ancient men of the sea.

V-12 CUT FELT AT U. OF WASH.

Nation-wide reduction of the Navy V-12 college training program recently ordered by Bupers in Washington, D. C., will soon affect the number of Navy trainees now enrolled at the University of Washington in Seattle. Thirteenth Naval District headquarters confirmed last week, an expected 33 1/3 per cent cut in V-12 students by November 1.

Nine of 13 fraternity houses occupied by Navy men since July, 1943, will be returned to the management of Fraternities, Inc., when the current academic term ends the last of October, the district announced.

It was emphasized, however, that all men now enrolled will complete their training, the change meaning only that the number of men admitted to the program in the future will be in ratio to the new quota of trainees.

International Artist Sketches Ward Patients

Displaying artistic enthusiasm while sketching portraits of bed patients in this hospital, Michel Werboff, famed artist of Russian birth, also entertained a ward audience as well as his subjects with a warm flow of humor last week.

Mr. Werboff, who is currently visiting friends in Seattle, disclosed a colorful personal history as he worked. His oil paintings alone have won renown which include portraits of such famous members of royalty as King Gustav of Sweden, King Alphonso of Spain and former King Carol of Roumania.

In recent months, Mr. Werboff has sketched many servicemen at the Stage Door Canteen in New York City. Upon completion of all sketches, he immediately mails them to the mothers of his GI subjects. Werboff stated, "To every mother her son is still but a little boy, no matter how old he is."

With a hobby that fosters singing, Werboff went against his father's wishes of an operatic career and studied law instead, at the

STEWARD MATES SET FANCY TABLE



Unsung heroes are the Steward Mates who work every day in every week setting tables and preparing for each successive meal. Through these duties, they have earned the reputation of being a galley necessity. These ideal husbands, from left to right, front row, are: L. A. Brown, StM1c; H. V. Davis, C.O.St.; F. Dozier, StM2c; back row: E. Johnson, StM1c; M. A. Jones, StM1c; J. H. Roberts, StM1c, and W. J. Sherman, StM1c.

BUREAU WANTS TO MAKE WAVES PERMANENT

The Waves have made good to such an extent that the Navy wants to keep them after the war ends.

Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Navy Personnel, has told the House Naval Committee members he hopes Congress some day will pass legislation making the Waves a permanent part of the Navy.

FOLLOW YOUR BAND

Below is listed the playing dates and places of the hospital "Rhythm Doctors" dance band. For an evening of fast frolic attend a Rhythm Doctor's session.

Sept. 14.....	Servicemen's Club
Sept. 16.....	Knights of Columbus Hall
Sept. 21.....	Servicemen's Club
Sept. 28.....	Servicemen's Club

University of Leningrad and later turned to painting at the Imperial Academy of Fine Arts.



M. Werboff sketching his 90th serviceman, Marine Sgt. D. L. Waba, in Ward 1.

FORMER LATIN AMERICAN VOCALIST SINGS DAILY IN RECREATION HALL

He came to the United States to study medicine but became a vocalist instead. That's the story of our Latin songster from Ward 28, Pfc. Eddie M. Gomez who was born in Puerto Rico.

Gomez, who sings almost daily with the Recreation department "jive hounds," a group that jam throughout the day on the Rec' Hall stage, is only 22 years old. Despite his youth, he has been the featured vocalist with two top flight Latin American dance bands, Enric Madriguera who just completed an appearance in New York's famous Roxy Theatre and Carlos Malino, now appearing on this coast. Gomez also fulfilled a contract with Decca records by cutting countless Spanish songs before his military service with the Marines.

Two years ago, Eddie appeared with Carlos Malino's orchestra on a six months' "Good Neighbor and Bond Selling Tour," that covered the country.



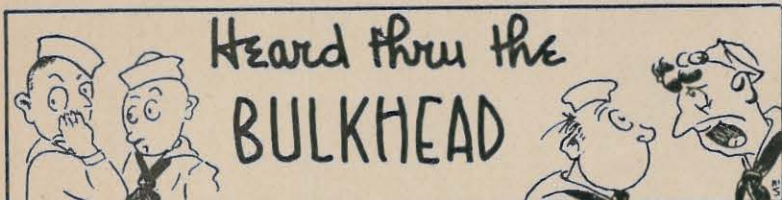
Eddie Gomez

His dream now is to rejoin Carlos and serenade again in Spanish.

LIBERTY HOUNDS TOTAL 1800 STRONG



No wonder the MAA office takes aspirin with their coffee. You'd have a headache, too, if 1800 pleasure-bent salts and bellhops passed through your gate in addition to hundreds of visitors and special liberties for good measure.



Who was the blonde telephone operator that loaded her car with gentlemen sailors and so dazzled them with her beauty that they were unable to speak a word of English along the entire trip from this hospital to Seattle. Somebody's slipping and it must be the Navy!

Then there's WAVE Swift who's wearing a new "Glo" now that she's keeping company with "Lucky" Lager of the brig Marines.

Corpsman: "Let's give the bride a shower."

Up-Patient: "Count me in . . . I'll bring the soap!"

Flying Suit Features Built-In Tourniquets

Washington (CNS) — The Navy has designed a new flying suit containing built-in tourniquets which serve as a possible aid in the control of bleeding among wounded pilots during combat.

According to the Navy, the suit has four adjustable tourniquets, one in each arm and leg. The tourniquets are self-locking but may easily be released by slight pressure on a tab mounted on the lock.

NURSES DENY THEY'RE TWINS



Mixed dates, mixed notes, mixed everything is the plight of Lt. (jg) F. G. Platis and Lt. (jg) J. Buchanan, nurses at this hospital.

Both graduated from Los Angeles General County hospital in 1939 . . . both are 5 feet 4 inches tall . . . both have rich dark hair, brown eyes and dusky voices . . . both sing, dance and romance.

But the payoff and this sets them apart is that Miss Buchanan actually has a TWIN SISTER and she is now a Yeomanette in the Waves.

Buy War Bonds!

LATEST MARRIAGE: Doyce Gilder, PhM3c, a WAVE, took the final leap when her boy friend pulled into port during last week-end.

Get ready to shake hands, folks, for Ralph Jackson, PhM1c, arrives today on a leave which he will spend visiting his wife, the former Bea Redman.

Have you noticed that all women customers line up at Postoffice window No. 1, where W. J. Bonaker, Sp(M)2c, operates, and the M-A-L-E customers fight for space near window No. 2, under the supervision of WAVE Charlotte Popernick, Sp(M)3c.

THIS WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCAST

New York (CNS) — "In the year 1940 Germany had better weapons," the Berlin radio announcer said in a broadcast picked up by NBC. "But now," the announcer continued, "we have better n-n-n-erve!"

Chicago (CNS) — Big Paul Deringer, Chicago Cubs' pitcher, won a divorce from his wife after he complained that she pegged cocktail glasses and plates at him.

GIs Can't Consume Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Rome (CNS) — GIs here have been ordered to stop drinking non-alcoholic beverages. The reason is that typhoid and dysentery may easily be spread in drinks which do not contain in some form that well known disinfectant—alcohol.

The Best Sea Story This Week . . .

Remember when the U. S. Navy was detailed to make a search for Amelia Earhart? Well, this story has a bit of bearing on that search. The search would have never been possible if it had not been for the USS Lexington making her speed run to Pearl Harbor to take part in that search.

What a speed run that was! Believe me, mate, that run was accomplished in 72 hours. Yep! I said 72 hours.

Seems as if the "sealed orders" had been delayed in reaching the "skipper", so when he got them he only had 72 hours to reach "Pearl". What to do? Never let it be said that a Navy man is not resourceful mate! Here is what that "skipper" done.

After leaving Long Beach behind and nearing San Clemente Island he ordered all planes on deck. What

"Boot" CPhM's Went Hog Hungry



Initiation into the realm of Chief Pharmacist Mate left two new "cabbies," E. L. Dalaguardi and H. E. Nilson, wishing they were in the Marine Corps when festivities forced them to eat with their hands out of hog troughs. Both survived, however, and are now fully qualified to eat without their hands if necessary.

Shades of Thorne Smith??

During the tense moments when sick call was in progress, the doctors, nurses and patients of wards No. 9 and No. 10 were greeted and rudely disturbed by a very realistic duck-like sound coming from between the wards. With much craning of necks, the curiosity of all aroused to the fullest extent, windows flew open and the cry went up, "There's a duck out here!" "Hey, it's a real duck!" After long gazing, their curiosity satisfied, questions arose right and left, 9 & 10, "How did he, or she, get through the gate without an I.D. card?" "Is this a veteran of Saipan?" "Is it here for a Survey?" "Did it escape from the Commissary Officer?" "Will the Red Cross intervene in its behalf?" etc., etc.

The only answer this writer can interpose is that said DUCK is here to be transferred to Sun Valley.

Advice
to the
Lovelorn
By DOCTOR QUACK

Dear Dr. Quack:

I have been keeping early hours with a young lady near here that just about whips my patience. In the course of our friendship, I find myself caring more and more, but becoming very disheartened as to prospects of any real companionship. She hates parties, crowds and most social events. In fact her interests can be cut down so fine, that even she doesn't know what she wants. Petting is a pastime that she occasionally will indulge, but there too she lacks spontaneity.

Doc, what manner of woman is this . . . or can she be waiting for someone else? Should I continue to pursue her?

Yours truly,

Distressed HA2c.

Dear Distressed Duece:

Your friend is usually classified as the introvert type . . . meaning she seldom lives out of a world of dreams that fail to transpire. My advice to you, HA2c, is to drop her like a hot potato. She is definitely not waiting for anyone else, for her type have few friends as they probably long ago detected her stunted personality. It would be wise on your part to "shove off" immediately before she slips a fingernail file betwixt your 4th and 5th intercostal space. One can't be too careful in dealin' with wimmin these days.

Scarred and Sorry,
Dr. Quack.

—Contributed by Chief Dalaguardi.